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Kids discuss the traumas of war behind closed doors

OTTAWA - A conference of children caught up in wars has begun in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with the children sharing their experiences of seeing relatives killed, of being raped and of even being forced to kill others.

An official with the Canadian government-organized conference said Monday the children would share their experiences next weekend with ministers from more than 100 countries who are expected to attend the International Conference on War Affected Children.

"The children are discussing their experiences among themselves behind closed doors," said the official.

"I can tell you that many of the tales - of being raped, of being forced to murder - are quite harrowing."

The children's conference, which includes several Canadian children who have volunteered to help host the conference, is the start of a week-long series of activities.

Russian FM begins two-day visit

OTTAWA - Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov began a two-day visit to Ottawa Monday and met with his Canadian counterpart Lloyd Axworthy.

On Tuesday, Ivanov will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chretien and will hold a press conference.

Officials said that Ivanov and Chretien would meet with journalists together for a brief "press scrum."

Following that, Ivanov will meet separately with the press for a longer press conference, said the officials.

The officials, briefing on background, said the Canada-Russia talks covered a wide range of matters including bilateral relations in general, co-operation in the Arctic and the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Tobacco firms want to delay bigger warnings on cigarette packages

MONTREAL - Canada's major tobacco companies asked a judge Monday for more time to meet federal requirements for larger health warnings on cigarette packages.

Right-wing party leaders win Parliament seats

TORONTO - The leaders of the two major right-wing parties easily won seats in Parliament Monday in special elections that set up a battle for conservative voters in next year's federal balloting.

Former Prime Minister Joe Clark won 54 percent of the vote in a five-candidate race in Nova Scotia.

In British Columbia, meanwhile, Stockwell Day, 50, declared victory in a race for a rural Parliamentary seat. With half the votes counted, Day had 71 percent.

Day, a fundamentalist Christian, heads the Canadian Alliance party. He will become the official opposition leader in Parliament. Clark, 61, retired from politics in 1993 but has returned to lead the Conservative Party, which faces a strong challenge from Day's Canadian Alliance for status as Canada's dominant right-wing political party.

"They've been trying very consistently to throw us off balance," Clark said. "They realize that their time is running out."

Lawyers for the firms told Justice Danielle Grenier of Quebec Superior Court they can't meet a Dec. 23 deadline for the bigger warnings to begin on major brands. They seek to extend the deadline to March or April 2001.

"It's clear that it costs a lot of money to change all these packages," said Simon Potter, counsel for Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd.

The warnings now take up more than one-third of the package. Under the new rules, the bigger warnings will take up about half the package. They will have a more detailed text as well as color photos of damaged body parts - a diseased mouth, a cancerous lung or a brain after a stroke.

Gathering of energy ministers doesn't touch on reducing gas taxes

TORONTO - Drivers shouldn't expect any relief from high gas prices at the pumps following a meeting of energy ministers in Toronto on Monday.

Reducing gasoline taxes wasn't even on the agenda at the annual gathering of federal, provincial and territorial energy ministers.

Federal Natural Resources Minister Ralph Goodale said rising global demand for crude oil, not tax levels, is to blame for soaring fuel prices.

Ottawa's share of gas prices has only increased a fraction despite increases at the pumps of more than 40 percent in the past two years, he added.

"The tax issue is the smallest part of the equation here," Goodale said outside of the meeting in the city's downtown.

More British Columbia doctors withdraw services

VANCOUVER - More British Columbia doctors withdrew their services Monday, lengthening the list of physicians waging a battle with the province's Health Ministry over funding.

Twenty-three specialists in Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Smithers are the latest to walk off the job in the growing health-care crisis that has plagued the province this summer.

Family doctors in all four communities are expected to join their colleagues next Monday if the dispute is not resolved by then.

Specialists in Trail and Quesnel resigned their privileges Friday. Family doctors in those two communities say they will walk this Friday if the government doesn't offer more money for on-call duties and to retain and recruit physicians.

Mediator appointed in native fishing dispute

FREDERICTON - There's a Rae of hope a peaceful solution can be found in the native lobster dispute in northeastern New Brunswick.

WEATHER

24hr period ending 7 a.m. Monday			
	Hi	Lo	Weather
Calgary	55	31	cloudy
Montreal	78	57	rain
Toronto	79	66	rain
Vancouver	63	49	rain

MONDAYS SCOREBOARD

----- AMERICAN LEAGUE -----			
Boston 4	NY Yankees 0		
Chic White Sox 10	Detroit 3		
Kansas City 6	Seattle 3		
Oakland 5	Tampa Bay 1		
Baltimore 3	Anaheim 1		
----- NATIONAL LEAGUE -----			
Philadelphia 5	Montreal 2 (1st gm)		
Montreal 7	Philadelphia 6 (2nd gm)		
Cincinnati 7	Chicago Cubs 6		
Milwaukee 8	N.Y. Mets 2		
St. Louis 8	Pittsburgh 4		
San Francisco 8	Houston 7 (in 10)		
Los Angeles 6	Arizona 3		
San Diego 7	Colorado 2		

Former Ontario premier Bob Rae has agreed to act as mediator in the often violent showdown between Mi'kmaq fishermen from the Burnt Church First Nation and the federal Fisheries and Oceans Department over control of the lobster fishery in Miramichi Bay.

"I have every confidence Mr. Rae has the experience and the sensitivity to mediate fairly in this situation," Fisheries Minister Herb Dhalwal said in a statement Monday.

"I have expressed my hope that he will consult with not only the Burnt Church First Nation but also the non-native fishing community in the area."

Inco And Newfoundland Not Talking on Voisey's Bay

TORONTO - Although Inco Ltd. says it is ready to resume talks with the Newfoundland government over the massive Voisey's Bay nickel deposit, the miner said on Monday it has held no formal discussions with the provincial government in more than nine months.

"We're ready to talk, provided there's foundation for resuming talks, and at this point there's no basis for doing that," said Alan Stubbs, Inco's vice-president of government and public affairs.

Development of the nickel project stalled earlier this year after Inco was unable to reach a deal with Newfoundland to get the project, often hailed as its crown jewel, under way this year.

Inco's refusal to guarantee that it would build a smelter in the province at an estimated cost of C\$1 billion was seen as the main stumbling block in the talks.

FINANCIAL NEWS**Canada wants to boost investment in Hungary**

BUDAPEST - Canada wants to boost its investments in Hungary, Foreign Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew said during a visit here on Monday at the head of a 60-strong delegation of Canadian businessmen.

"So far, Canada has invested more than one billion (US) dollars in this country and is interested in investing more," Pettigrew told journalists after talks with Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi who also controls Hungary's foreign trade policies.

The two men agreed that Canadian and Hungarian experts would hold regular talks in the future to boost bilateral trade, which totalled only 92.6 million dollars last year.

"With conditions improved, this figure could multiply," Martonyi said, adding that Hungary would "half its duties on Canadian imports when it joins the European Union, in harmony with current EU regulations".

Siebel Systems buys Janna systems for \$975 million

SAN MATEO, Calif. - Siebel Systems Inc., which makes customer service software, is acquiring the Canadian e-business company Janna Systems Inc. for about \$975 million.

Siebel Systems said the move would enhance what it can offer financial services companies, helping them consolidate traditionally separate businesses such as banking, brokerage and insurance.

"The acquisition of Janna further strengthens and underscores our commitment to deliver the market-leading solution for the financial services industry," said David Schmaier, Siebel Systems' senior vice president for products.

SPORTS NEWS**Expos out of playoffs**

PHILADELPHIA - Vladimir Guerrero has his way with most pitchers. Montreal Expos manager Felipe Alou says his star outfielder doesn't have the same luck with umpires.

Guerrero was 6-for-8 with a homer, driving in three runs, in a doubleheader split Monday with the Philadelphia Phillies, but was ejected in the ninth inning of the nightcap.

It's the second time in a week he's been thrown out of a game, and Alou worries that the outfielder is not getting his due.

"They have to understand the kind of player he is," Alou said. "For a superstar to get thrown out ... they are the show, especially in games like this."

Philadelphia won the first game 5-2, a loss that officially eliminated Montreal from playoff contention. The Expos won the second game 7-6.

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"I'm not asking for a favor, I just want him treated like other superstars," Alou said. "He is one of the best players in the game and I want him to be treated that way."

Guerrero argued that a called second strike should have been a ball. Then, after popping up to second base, he got more heated, and was ejected by home plate umpire Bill Welke.

Guerrero's six hits in the doubleheader tied a Montreal record, accomplished by seven others. The most recent to do it was Delino DeShields against Los Angeles in 1992.

In the first game, Expos infielder Geoff Blum had two first-inning errors that led to four unearned runs for the Phillies. But Blum hit a go-ahead homer with two outs in the eighth inning of the second game to give the Expos the victory.

"A little redemption," Blum said. "A little bit better taste in my mouth after (game two)."

No truce for Bailey and Greene the trashtalk sprint kings

SYDNEY - When America's 100 metres world recordholder Maurice Greene and Canada's Olympic champion Donovan Bailey engaged in their usual barbed jibes on Tuesday it was just the latest bout in their trashtalking war that has been going on for three years.

It will come as no surprise that Greene, the so called Kansas Comet or Phenomenon depending on what day it is and how he's feeling, should be involved as he has made a habit of winding up his opponents since he made the big time in 1997 dethroning Bailey as world champion.

He has successfully managed to lure Bailey into the war which has at times resembled two heavyweights engaging in some lame impression of Muhammad Ali and George Foreman prior to the "Rumble in the Jungle".

Tiger Woods: a masterpiece still in the making

OAKVILLE, Ontario - Earl Woods first uttered the words six years ago, when his son was on the verge of losing in the finals of the U.S. Amateur. Between the morning and afternoon rounds, he whispered in his ear, "Let the legend grow."

These days, the legend of Tiger Woods is on steroids.